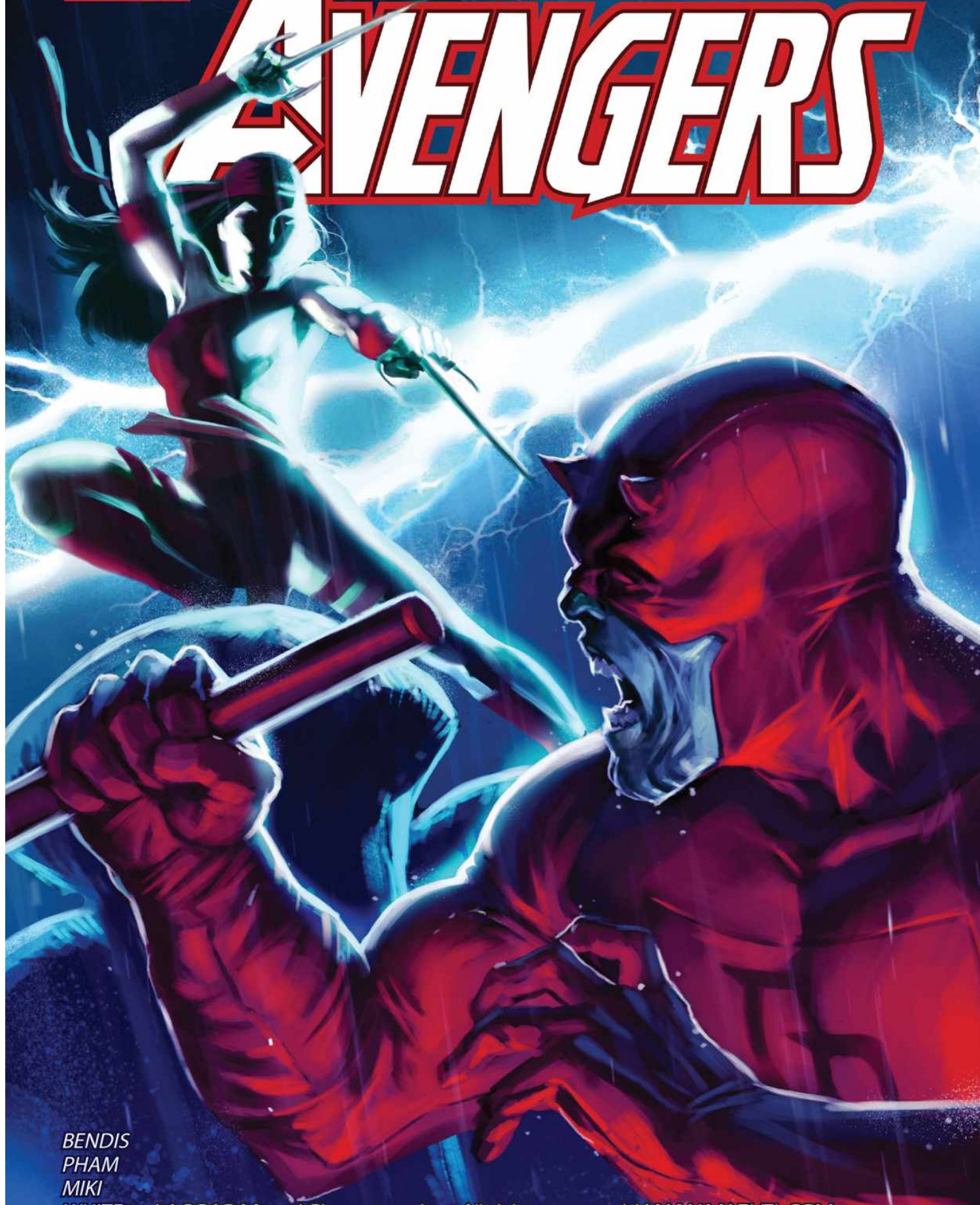


SECRET INVASION™

MARVEL®
16 .com

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS®



BENDIS
PHAM
MIKI

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

The shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has begun its invasion of Earth.

First they deployed a well planned secret invasion using their shape-shifting ability to seed mistrust among the Avengers and other heroes around the world.

Now they have struck fast and hard, by coaxing both the sanctioned and underground Avengers to the far away Savage Land to be hunted by Skrulls posing as their counterparts and long lost loved ones from an earlier time. Meanwhile, Skrull agents posing as humans all over the world set the rest of the plan into action...

The first person discovered to be a Skrull was the mysterious assassin known as Elektra...

BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
WRITER

KHOI PHAM
PENCILS

DANNY MIKI
INKS

DEAN WHITE
COLORIST

ARTMONKEY'S DAVE
LANPHEAR
LETTERER

ALESKI BRICLOT
COVER ARTIST

IRENE LEE
PRODUCTION

LAZER & BRENNAN
ASSISTANT EDITORS

TOM BREVOORT
EDITOR

JOE QUESADA
EDITOR IN CHIEF

DAN BUCKLEY
PUBLISHER

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.



THE DEAL IS ACCEPTABLE?

IT'S STILL KIND OF VAGUE.

BUT THE MONEY--

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PLAN. THE PLAN IS VAGUE TO ME.

THE PLAN IS UP TO YOU.

WE DON'T CARE *HOW* YOU DO IT.

YOU'RE A TALENTED MAN, AND WE WOULDN'T BE SO ARROGANT AS TO TELL YOU HOW TO DO WHAT YOU DO.



BUT YOU'LL NEED TO CREATE A DISTRACTION SO COMPLETE--

--THAT THE AUTHORITIES WON'T EVEN KNOW *WHAT* HAS ACTUALLY HAPPENED UNTIL IT IS LONG PAST.

WE NEED THE TRAIL COLD... BEFORE THEY EVEN FIGURE OUT WHERE THE TRAIL *IS*.



IT'S MORE THAN I'VE EVER TRIED. AND THE TARGET--

WE HAVE FAITH.

AND IF I %@#&* IT UP, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY ME THE OTHER HALF.

THERE'S THAT TOO.

WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE THIS DONE?

OUR INTELLIGENCE SAYS THAT THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE X-MEN ARE PREOCCUPIED.

THE AVENGERS CALLED IT QUILTS.

WE BELIEVE THE TIME IS NOW.



COSTUME OR NO COSTUME?

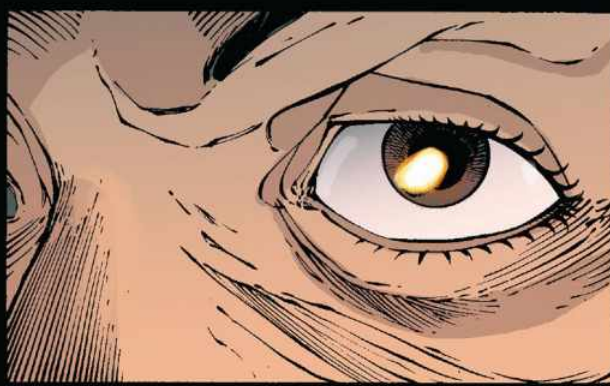
THAT IS COMPLETELY UP TO YOU.

COSTUME.

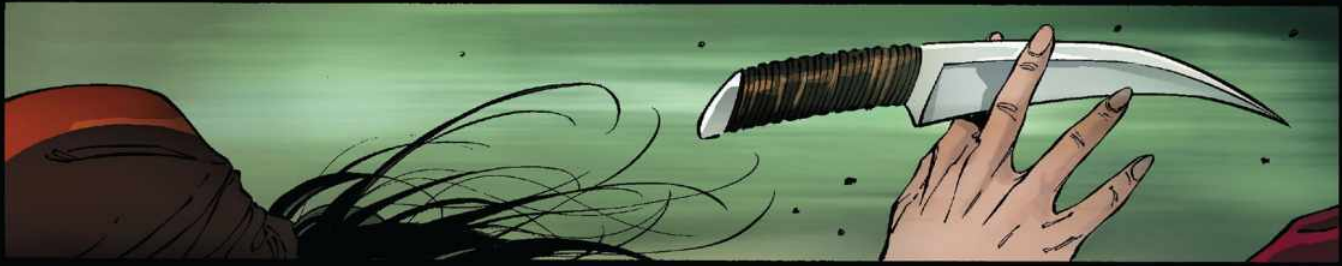


SEVERAL MONTHS EARLIER.

OSAKA, JAPAN.



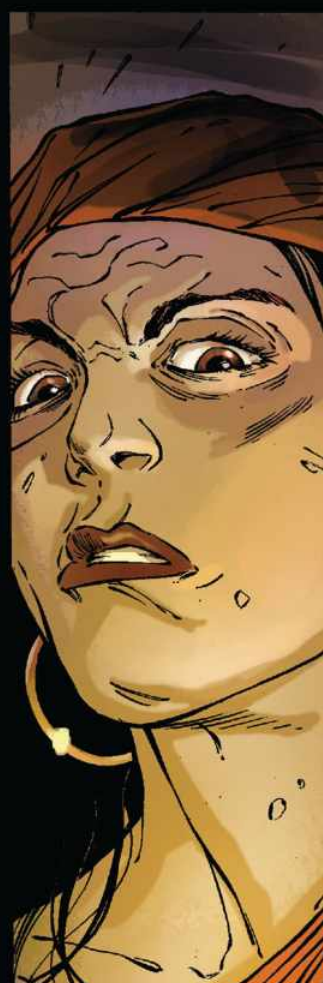
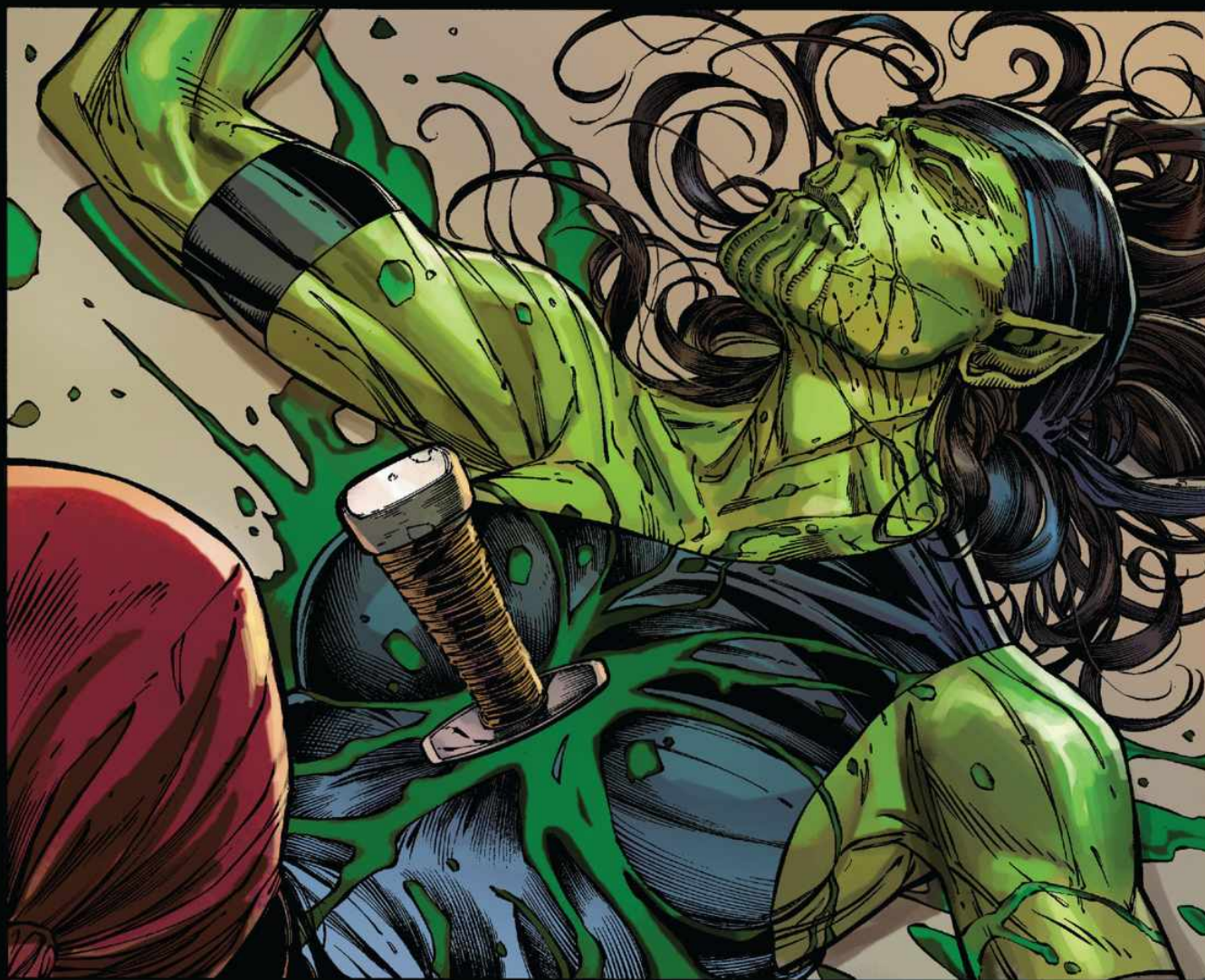
























NEW YORK CITY.
WEEKS LATER.



ONE WEEK LATER.

HAKKODA MOUNTAIN
RANGE, SOUTH OF
ADMORI CITY IN ADMORI
PREFECTURE, JAPAN.

I'M
HERE TO TELL
YOU...WORD FROM
AMERICA IS THAT THE
MIGHTY AVENGERS
HAVE DISBANDED
IN FAILURE!

TONY STARK
EMBARRASSED HIMSELF
IN FRONT OF THE SO-CALLED
UNITED NATIONS AND HIS
EMPIRE IS CRUMBLING!

AND
NOW HERE
WE ARE...

HYDRA AND
THE HAND. JOINED
TOGETHER.

WE ARE
THE FIST AND YOU
ARE OUR SWORD. A
BETTER TIME--



YOU
SICKEN
ME!

YOU LET
HYDRA
LEAD THE
HAND?



YOU ARE
THE GREATEST
WARRIORS ON
THE ENTIRE
PLANET!

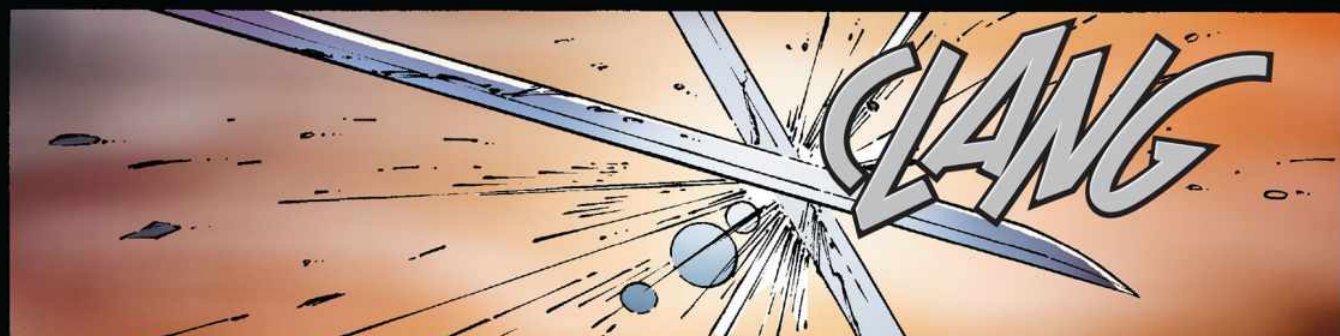
YOU'VE
DEDICATED YOUR
ENTIRE LIVES TO
ANCIENT ARTS THAT
FEW WILL EVER BE
ALLOWED TO EVEN
WHISPER OF.

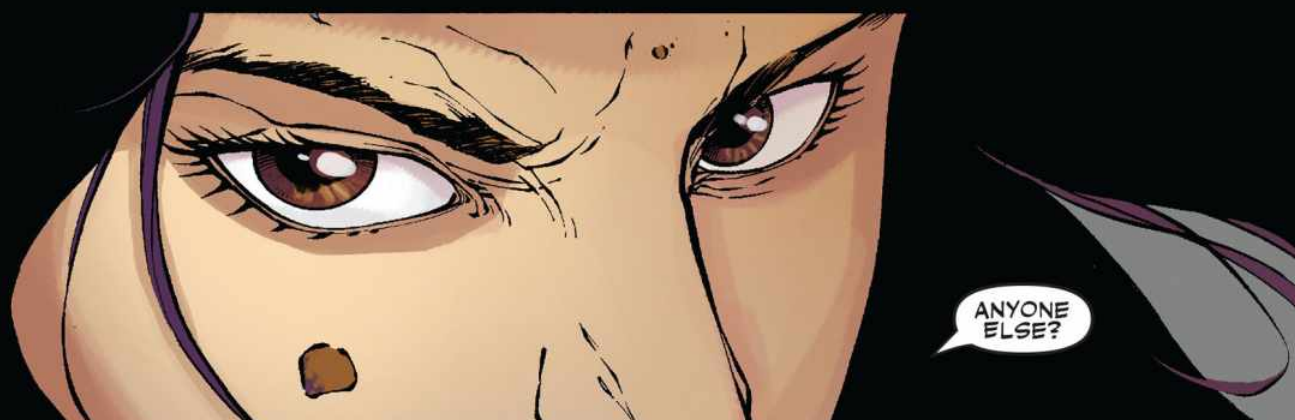
AND NOW YOU'RE
ERRAND BOYS FOR
TERRORISTS?!

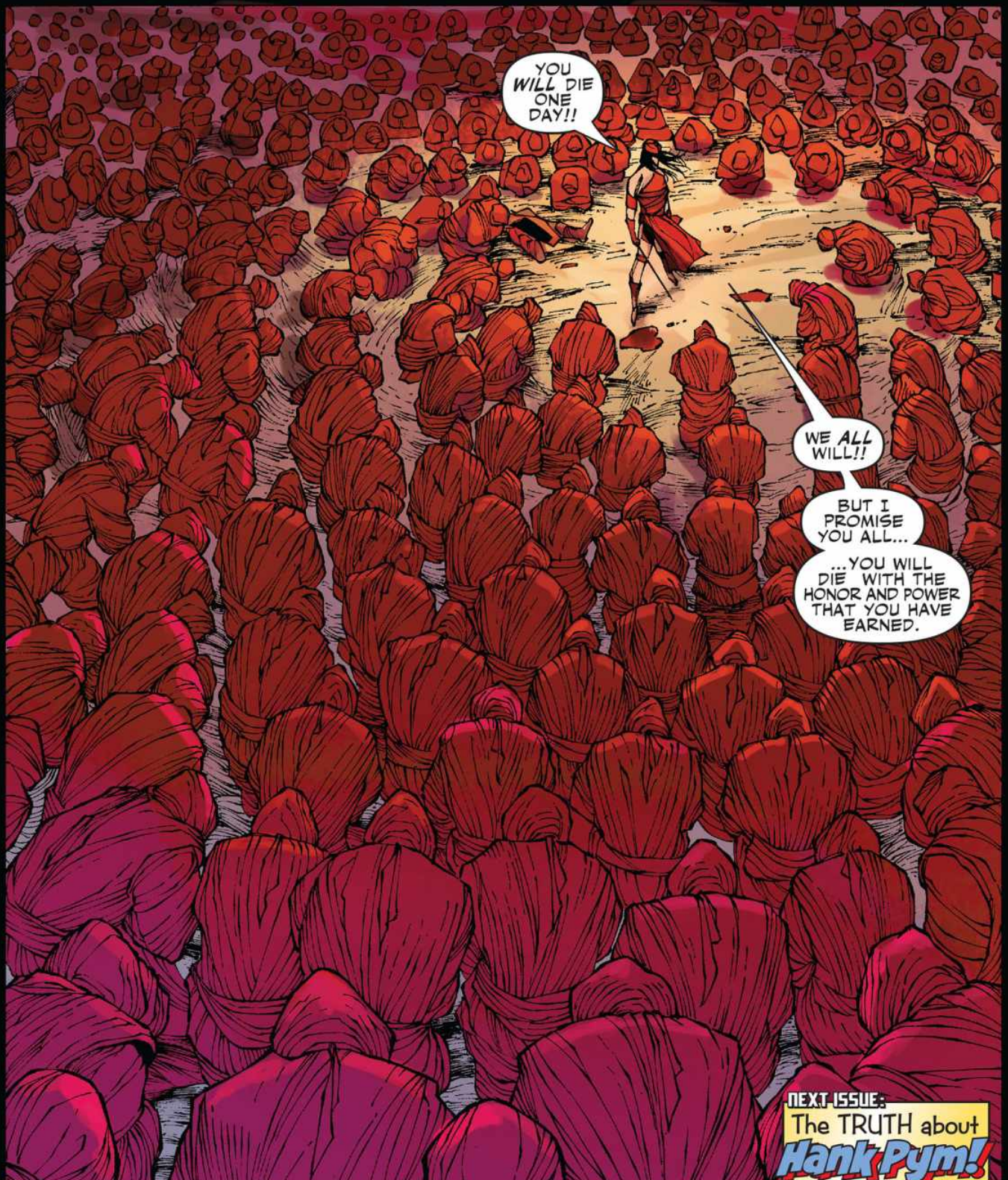
KILL
YOURSELVES
IN SHAME IF
THIS IS WHAT
YOU'VE COME
TO!

KILL HER.









YOU
WILL DIE
ONE
DAY!!

WE ALL
WILL!!

BUT I
PROMISE
YOU ALL...

...YOU WILL
DIE WITH THE
HONOR AND POWER
THAT YOU HAVE
EARNED.

NEXT ISSUE:
The TRUTH about
Hank Pym!

